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1. Soviet officials believe that the Hungarian revolt brought about a loss of Soviet prestige in world opinion, and a weakening of Western Communist parties, but they feel that these losses were more than offset by the serious losses sustained by Hungarian "reactionary" elements. Soviets consider that the revolt served as an opportunity to crush and eliminate anti-Soviet elements, but are aware that the uprising could have been very effective if it had occurred at a critical time, such as the beginning of a war.
2. Soviets admit [privately] that the bulk of Hungarian resistance fighters was composed of workers and peasants, but contend that these forces lacked [competent] leadership. The actual leaders of the uprising were anti-Soviet elements, and they were liquidated.

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